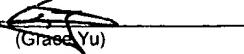


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Notice of Appeal submitted April 5, 2006, for which an Appeal Brief or a Request for Continued Examination was due on June 5, 2006. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a four months extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to October 5, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

This response is accompanied by a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. Thus, the finality of the outstanding final office action will be withdrawn and Applicants are entitled to have this first submission for this RCE entered and considered on the merits.

The list of claims presented is based on the list previously presented in response to an Advisory Action: according to a discussion with the Examiner, those claims were not entered. Therefore, the claims are marked to show changes made relative to the previously entered claim set.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 20 of this paper.